MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
27 September, 1977

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10:00 *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.*

ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of next meetings: 25 October, 1977
22 November, 1977.

B. Minutes of July 1977 meeting.

C. 1919 F Street, N.W., Zoning Commission Decision - Report.

LEGISLATION

A Bill, "to amend the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations and borrowings from the United States Treasury to complete implementation of the development plan for Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House, and for other purposes."

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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

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NO.	*ADDRESS AND OWNER*	*PROJECT*
OG 77-153	*1023 31st Street, N.W.* *T. Manonsakis*	*Rehabilitate existing struction; construct addition; alter interior for restaurant use (resubmission refer to OG 77-138).*

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend additional study with brick scheme. Suggest further deemphasis of horizontality and additional study of scheme which uses segmental rather than semicircular arches, perhaps for all openings. Eliminate triangular pier at southwest corner of facade. No matter how excellent the original design approach has been, the exterior Greek regional characteristics are less appropriate for this site than indigenous Georgetown architectural elements would be. 8/9/77

156	*3631 M Street, N.W.* *Lester Lee*	*Demolition.*

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Demolition not recommended of buildings in historic district when they are of the scale, character, and age of substantial segments of the community and create no adverse impact. In this particular case, because of special problems on the site and location, a full or partial exception may be made if some parts of the existing building can be used with imagination and good design. 8/16/77

158	*3616 N Street, N.W.* *Dr. John F. Bresette*	*New single-family row house (resubmission refer to OG 77-136).*

ACTION: Recommend additional study of Scheme 4-C. Submit material samples as selected. 8/9/77

160	*1049 30th Street, N.W.* *Robert E. Morrison*	*Inn, office building with three floors of apartments, and house (resubmission refer to OG 77-133).*

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend restudy of scale, mass, openings, and character of proposed gatehouse. Recommend increased harmony with adjacent 19th century row houses with a more traditional Georgetown row house geometry. 8/9/77

163	*3027 Q Street, N.W.* *Frances Barnard & Robert Woodward*	*Alter rear steps and paving, garage, kitchen; add wood decks, stairs, fence, and vestibule at rear (resubmission refer to OG 77-89).*

ACTION: Issue permit for rear alterations only. Recommend full restoration to original conditions on front elevation. 8/3/77

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 77-170	3063-65 M Street, N.W. Cafe de Los Artistas	Restaurant addition to art gallery.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Character of proposed addition is not in harmony with historic district materials or design. Recommend restudy with metal standing seam roof and brick walls. Question zoning status of this case; exception not recommended. 8/3/77	
171	3345 Reservoir Road, N.W. J. Michael Winston	150 square foot two-story addition of masonry and timber, incorporating bath.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/3/77	
172	1070 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. Richard Stauffer	Erect sign.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/3/77	
173	1079 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Samuel M. Levy	New sign/awning (resubmission refer to OG 77-127).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Roll-type awning only recommended. Canopy awning not recommended for this location. Please specify exact color with sample. Consider using roll-type awning across full width of building at bottom level of cornice trim between first and second floors. 8/18/77	
174	3014 N Street, N.W. Smith Bagley	Back stops for each end of tennis court.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Suggest that if installation is starting from scratch, black mesh is less visible than the proposed green and would be preferred in this case. 8/18/77	
175	3044 Cambridge Place, N.W. Dr. Kurt Stromberg	Replace two double-hung windows with casements on third floor; add bay window on back of house; add 11' x 12' deck to roof at rear of house.
ACTION:	Issue permit for modified drawing. Third floor west masonry window opening sizes shall not be changed. Sash may be either double-hung or casement. 8/18/77	
176	3400 Reservoir Road, N.W. Anne McCutcheon Lewis, Ronald Lewis	Provide aluminum gable vent both sides of gable roof. Replace wood siding on gable ends. Construct 8' brick wall along side yard on 34th Street.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Recommend painting vent to match house. 8/18/77	

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 77-164	1227 33rd Street, N.W. Karl Krenzer	Replace rear kitchen window with new window 5'4" x 5'7" with vertical dividers to make three sections. Install window box below and steel beam above window (resubmission refer to OG 77-118).

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend restudy with integral sash divisions of wood, either operational or fixed. 8/1/77

165	1101 30th Street, N.W. JGB Associates	New apartment building (resubmission refer to OG 77-131).

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend additional study of north portion of building to diminish height of structure toward M Street. Recommend removing northernmost half of top floor of east-west wing and providing a landscaped terrace to soften sufficiently the silhouette, presence, and impact of this structure on the smaller-scale historic portions of Georgetown. 8/9/77

166	3509 M Street, N.W. Grover & Truma Carey	Enclose existing porch, no increase in size, no change to existing roof.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Use of brick construction within porch area behind wrought iron not recommended. Suggest scheme using all-glass infill right up to heads of porch opening with minimum of infill trim. No objection to enclosing porch. 8/18/77

167	3509 M Street, N.W. Truma L. Carey	Place sign flat against building.

ACTION: Issue permit. 8/18/77

168	3001 Cambridge Place, N.W. David & Elizabeth Beim	Place single car garage in existing space beneath side porch similar to garage at 3001 Dent Place but with narrower drive and door.

ACTION: No objection to proceeding with design development of proposed garage. Show with section drawing slope from sidewalk to garage door, design of door, and any infill trim between existing masonry, head of door, and new door. Indicate all proposed materials. 8/3/77

169	3328 Prospect Street, N.W. John B. Metelski	Replacement of existing fence.

ACTION: Issue permit. 8/3/77

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 77-177	1631 35th Street, N.W. Norman Baxter	Install two new doors, two new windows; enlarge and modify existing steps; remove interior partitions; add skylight.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/18/77	
180	1213 Bank Street, N.W. Bon Marche, Inc.	Sign.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/18/77	
181	3421 R Street, N.W. J. Marks	Enclose second floor gallery with sliding doors and convert two front windows to doors.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit for enlarged front windows. Alteration of facade to include elements not original to this specific house not recommended. No objection to glazing second floor gallery or removing later doorway on first floor gallery. 9/8/77	
182	1208-10-12 35th Street, N.W. William Trittipoe	Three new houses (resubmission refer to OG 77-116).
ACTION:	Issue permit. Submit material samples, railing details, and landscape plan as developed. 9/8/77	
183	1509 28th Street, N.W. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wyatt	Maintenance - restucco front, replace light over door, add door grille, add water meter cover (resubmission refer to OG 77-151).
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/8/77	
185	1079 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Samuel M. Levy	Roll-up awning (resubmission refer to OG 77-173).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to type or color of awning proposed. Submit drawings showing exact location on cornice trim of proposed awning and any equipment, roll boxes, that may be included with the awning. Submit exact lettering and letter style for sign. 9/8/77	
187	3508 Prospect Street, N.W. David Shapiro	Erect garden wall and two gates (resubmission refer to OG 77-141).
ACTION:	Issue permit for wall around eastern gardens. Issue permit for western wall provided it aligns with height of adjacent Kennedy Institute wall or water table of Prospect House. If automobile gates are to be eliminated, suggest total redesign of western section of wall. 9/22/77	

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 77-189	1335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Au Pied du Cochon	Erect sidewalk cafe canopy over Dumbarton Street side.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Permanent awning structure which extends farther to the east than the building which in theory should support it is not recommended. Posts, colors, and sign of proposed awning are inappropriate for this particular location. 9/22/77

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

27 September, 1977

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 77-93	30 E Street, S.W. D.C. Government	Rental of public space for parking.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Use of public space for parking adjacent to one of the major entrances to the city and in view of the Capitol is not recommended. 8/1/77

95	4001-17 16th Street, N.W. Carolyn & Joseph Bonnett	Erect new townhouses per plans.

ACTION: Preliminary approval of site plan and townhouse types A-2 (without round second floor ornament), A-3, A-4, A-6, and A-8 (with a simplified doorway entablature treatment). Recommend types A-1, A-5, and A-7 be omitted and replaced with approved designs. Suggest a single color of brick and roof material be used throughout the project. Issue foundation permit, send revised elevation drawings to CFA for final approval. 8/9/77

97	1517 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Harry Pinckernell	Sign.

ACTION: Not in Shipstead-Luce Area. 8/3/77

99	1638 Nicholson Street, N.W. Louise Parks	Install horizontal white baked enamel aluminum siding over existing side and rear of dwelling with ram-set steel nails.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Covering half of a double brick house with aluminum siding is not recommended. 8/16/77

100	1800 Shepherd Street, N.W. Mr. Mamadi Diane	Remove sliding glass patio doors from east elevation of existing enclosed porch addition and replace with clapboard siding to match existing. Increase height of single story bay window on south to two stories. Replace double-hung sash with casements.

ACTION: Issue permit. 8/3/77

101	805 15th Street, N.W. D.C. Government	Rental of public space for fruit and flower stand.

ACTION: Issue permit. 8/3/77

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 77-		
102	1915 Calvert Street, N.W. Michael Minkoff	Raze existing balcony/fire escapes and construct new.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/27/77	
103	1857 Ingleside Terrace, N.W. Ezekiel Thomas, Jr.	Aluminum siding on first and second floor rear porches. Eleven window casements. One door and aluminum trim on soffit.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/3/77	
104	126 D Street, S.E. David Hayden	Steps to basement and door.
ACTION:	Not in Shipstead-Luce Area. 8/9/77	
105	229 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. George Pennington	Remove bay, install new window, door and sign (resubmission refer to SL 77-39).
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/16/77	
107	400 North Capitol Street, N.W. Marine Engineer Beneficial Association	One set 15" stainless steel channel letters reading AMTRAK.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/1/77	
108	444 North Capitol Street, N.W. Marine Engineer Beneficial Association	One set 15" stainless steel channel letters reading "Hall of the States".
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/1/77	
109	5727 16th Street, N.W. Ruby G. Woodson	6' wood stockade fence.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/9/77	
110	400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Hyatt Regency Hotel	Hotel parking sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Use of flashing red neon sign in Shipstead-Luce area not recommended. Otherwise, no objection to location, size, or design of sign. 8/18/77	

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 77-111	2208 F Street, N.W. Jerald Bailey	Three story addition to rear of existing townhouse.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/18/77	
112	2330 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Association of American Universities	Alteration of interior partitions, new kitchen and bath fixtures, new windows.
ACTION:	Issue permit for rear alterations. Do not issue permit for plywood front additions. Either restudy or delete front alterations. 9/8/77	
113	4606 Blagden Terrace, N.W. Letitia D. Randall	Rebuild existing rear enclosure.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/8/77	
115	208 F Street, N.E. Garden Properties, Inc.	New front and rear windows. Remove parging at rear. Repoint brick. Paint.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to front stair changes. No objection to rear alterations. Indicate what sash and door replacement on front of house are to be; suggest reproducing original window and door patterns as closely as possible. 9/8/77	
116	406 1st Street, S.E. Dr. Samuel Zola	Repaint front, replace broken shutters with new, replace broken stained glass around window boxes with new brick.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Recommend omission of shutters. Paint new brick veneer on bay windows to match building. 9/8/77	
118	400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Hyatt Regency	Sign as per drawing (resubmission refer to SL 77-110).
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/22/77	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON HISTORIC SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

27 September, 1977

NO.	*SQUARE, LOT, ADDRESS AND OWNER*	*DESCRIPTION*
HS 77-		
51	*Square 1280, Lot 814* *1623 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.* *1623 Wisconsin Avenue Associates*	*Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 814 into a record lot.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 8/3/77*	
52	*Square 1220, Lot 821* *1236 33rd Street, N.W.* *Roger A. Pauley*	*Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 821 into a record lot to allow for addition.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 8/9/77*	
53	*Square 1221, Lot 810* *3414 N Street, N.W.* *Lois P. Bird*	*Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 810 into a record lot to allow for addition.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 8/8/77*	
58	*Square 1188, Lot 806* *1024 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.* *Peter Schwartz, Leonard Greenberg*	*Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 806 into a record lot to allow for addition.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 8/31/77*	
60	*Square 1244, Lot 818* *1417 33rd Street, N.W.* *David & Louisa Schwartz*	*Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 818 into a record lot to allow for addition.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 9/8/77*	
62	*Square 1192, Lots 33, 34, 35, 63, 64, 65, 66, 803, and 812* *1049 30th Street, N.W.* *Georgetown Inland East Corporation*	*Combination of record lots 33, 34, 35, 63, 64, 64, 66, and Assessment and Taxation Lots 803 and 812 into one record lot to allow for construction of mixed commercial, apartment, and hotel complex.*
ACTION:	*No objection. 9/26/77*	

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
27 September, 1977

The meeting convened at the offices of the Commission of Fine Arts at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	*Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman*
	Hon. Philip W. Buchen
	Hon. Victorine du Pont Homsey
	Hon. Eli S. Jacobs
	Hon. Frederick D. Nichols
	Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.
Staff Present:	*Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary*
	Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
	Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
	Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
	Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
	Miss Janice D. Lane
	Miss Nancy H. Noyes
National Capital Planning Commission Staff Present:	*Mr. Robert Gresham*

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. The Secretary introduced a new member of the staff, Miss Janice Lane. The Commission welcomed Miss Lane as replacement for Miss Lynda Brown who had accepted a scholarship for graduate work at Syracuse University.

B. Dates of next meetings were set at 25 October and 22 November, 1977.

C. Minutes of the July 1977 meeting were unanimously approved.

D. 1919 F Street, N.W., Zoning Commission Preliminary Finding - Report. The Assistant Secretary reported that the Zoning Commission had offered a partial increase in floor area ratio and height for the George Washington University-World Bank project which the Commission of Fine Arts had several times reviewed. The finding recommended permanent preservation of the Ray House and garden, at 20th and F Streets, on their original site; the permanent preservation of the Lenthall Houses, on 19th Street on the campus; construction of 130 feet, from 19th Street 120 feet to the west, and 60 feet for the remainder of the block. The Zoning Commission made no provision for the preservation of a row of 19th century houses on G Street at the north side of the potential project. The Commission generally reacted favorably

to the report. No action was required.

II. LEGISLATION

The Secretary presented a Bill "to amend the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations and borrowings from the United States Treasury to complete implementation of the development plan for Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House, and for other purposes." The Commission unanimously approved the legislation. EXHIBIT A

III. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

A. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

Lighting for Pennsylvania Avenue. The Secretary recalled the Commission's inspection of a lighting mockup on the previous evening, indicating that the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation had formally requested approval of a lighting concept and looked forward to reviewing the street furniture and hardward with the Commission of Fine Arts during the selection-design process. The project was represented by Mr. Lee Allen of the Corporation and consultants Mr. Don Olson (landscape), Mr. Ray Greenald (lighting), and Mr. John Woodbridge (general). During discussion Mr. Allen indicated the Corporation's concern over achieving the right balance of light and hardware. The danger of too many fixtures was recognized by the Commission and the Corporation. The Chairman indicated the Commission's unanimous approval of the lighting technique of providing high, highway lighting standards, traditional (Millet design) Washington globe and ornamental standards, and some type of lighting for both sidewalks and trees. Further refinements of the light quality, fixture design, and location would be submitted to the Commission. EXHIBIT B

B. Department of Energy

New Seal. The Secretary showed the members a seal design which had been sent them by mail for preliminary comments. He indicated the Commission had generally not found the seal design appropriate. Mrs. Homsey suggested that the seal design reflected medieval European heraldry and not an up-to-date expression of energy conservation. The members concurred with Mr. Buchen saying that the Commission's comments may well be after-the-fact since the agency had already begun operations and undoubtedly had printed the seal in great quantity. The Commission unanimously disapproved the seal, with the suggestion that it be restudied in terms of contemporary design. EXHIBIT C

C. General Services Administration

1. Federal Office Building #6, Maryland Avenue & 6th

Street, S.W., Installation of Solar Film. The Assistant Secretary presented a material sample and photograph of the building showing how the film had been previously installed on the top two floors. The GSA proposal was to install the film throughout. He indicated that the Commission had reacted to the need for reviewing on a case-by-case basis all such installations, since a resulting mirror-like finish to the windows had a pronounced visual impact. The Commission unanimously approved the project saying that they would like a staff study on the net expected cost effect of such installations. EXHIBIT D

2. J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building, Proposed Courtyard Sculpture. The Secretary reminded the Commission of involvement with sculpture and landscaping in this heavily visited courtyard. The Society of Former Special Agents, represented by Mr. L. M. Walters, proposed to erect sculpture at no cost to the Government in the courtyard. In doing so they had selected sculptor Fred Schrady to prepare a model of three figures supporting a flag. Mr. Karel Yasko of the GSA presented the model and courtyard photos to the members, who unanimously approved the preliminary design. The Commission indicated an interest in materials and final designs as developed. They also asked for a landscape plan of the courtyard as soon as possible. EXHIBIT E

D. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Chiller Plant, National Zoological Park. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings of the proposed installation of this cut-and-cover industrial addition to the subway system. The completed unit would have large underground spaces topped with vents and landscaping reproducing existing conditions. He pointed out that the location between Connecticut Avenue, the Kennedy-Warren apartments, and the Zoo auto entrance was quite visible and that the Metro had endeavored to make the installation minimally visible. Efforts to soften the impact on the Zoo side had been requested by the Zoo in the form of screen as well as replacement planting at the project's completion. The Secretary told of a conversation he had with Mr. Engle of the Zoo staff who suggested that simple woods-like planting may reproduce in part existing conditions, but extra screen planting of the vents, etc. would be a beneficial addition to the project. The Commission approved the project unanimously, conveying their concern over screen planting to Metro representatives Mr. Robert Lee and Mr. Edward Lassen. EXHIBIT F

E. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters, Bolling/Anacostia Complex - Resubmission. The Commission had rejected designs for a new intelligence complex at Bolling/Anacostia in July, finding designs too high, too glossy, and poorly organized for a major public building on

the axis of South Capitol Street. The Navy had prepared a schematic restudy with tighter organization and three floors less height. Its representatives, Mr. Robert Lose, Captain Wittschibe, Captain Don Johnson, and Mr. Thomas Harris, requested discussion of this new design direction and the Commission's specific objections to the July design. The Secretary showed Commission members the Commission's July action letter as well as the Navy letter requesting reconsideration. Project representatives were introduced by Mr. Lose who described the Navy's efforts at understanding and accommodating the Commission's July comments. He indicated that the Navy fully intended to cooperate with the Commission in achieving a commendable project. He then introduced several consultant architects who showed the members two block models showing the original height and geometry and a lower scheme. The desire was to retain the initial "look" of slick aluminum and glass with a series of office, lab, and training pods. After general discussion the Chairman reiterated the Commission's concern over the material. Professor Nichols asked that the material sample be held to the light to test reflectivity. The Commission concurred that there may be a problem with the material and asked that additional color ranges of the same material be explored. Mr. Lose indicated that a large-size mockup was on the site and available for the Commission's inspection. The Chairman asked the Commission if they were pleased with the revised massing and lower profile. There was concurrence in this, but Mr. Stone wanted to go on record as finding the design type, or style, unsuited to the location. Mr. Buchen was recorded as abstaining from discussion and voting. Since the consensus of the remaining members was that the project was much improved by the proposed changes, subject to a satisfactory exterior material, the Chairman asked for and got consent to having the Commission formally inspect the site and the material mockup at the October 25 meeting. No action was taken beyond this. *EXHIBIT* G

F. *D.C. Department of General Services*

John Eaton Elementary School, 34th & Lowell Streets, N.W., Modernization and Addition. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings, photographs, and a model of the renovations to this early 20th century public elementary school. Proposed additional functions would be bermed into a hillside with a rooftop playground. A new library wing would create a new entrance feature, while the existing school structure would be rejuvenated within its original character. The District representative, Mr. Charles Pavlick, indicated that the building had approval from the community as well as the Board of Education. Mr. Kent Cooper, the architect, then showed the Commission the model, indicating the use of materials and locations of various elements. The Commission unanimously approved the project, indicating their concern for material selection and treatment of the old building, especially the windows. *EXHIBIT* H

G. D.C. Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. OG 77-178, 1049 30th Street, N.W., Hotel/Apartment/ Commercial Complex, Gatehouse Residence - Resubmission. The Secretary showed the Commission several designs for the facade of this house, a part of a project including a small traditionally-styled inn and a mixed use contemporary building. Previous reviews had recommended a house compatible with the adjacent row of houses as well as the new project. Comments on intermediate designs had recommended a scheme with flat brick facade and a brick cornice. The Old Georgetown Board had examined and recommended for design development a scheme "C" which had a brick cornice, neatly blending with nearby houses. Professor Nichols suggested, and Mrs. Homsey emphasized, the need to study the cornice further with the possibility of returning it at the side wall. A preliminary approval for design development was unanimously given.

2. OG 77-179, 1101 30th Street, N.W., New Apartment Building - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and models to the members depicting a revised design for the roof areas of the apartment building. He reiterated the Commission's previous suggestion to reduce the profile of the buildin and minimize visibility from the north. The architect, Arthur Moore, was present to show the Commission the specifics of his design response to this previous Commission action. The members examined the models and discussed the design with the architect. The Chairman asked Mr. Moore what the interior ramifications of diminishing the small projecting wing of "apartment L" would be. Mr. Moore indicated structural problems with respect to spacing that would prevent a small additional area being removed from the project. The members further discussed the matter and unanimously agreed to approve the project pending removal of the tip of "apartment L".

3. OG 77-186, 1023 31st Street, N.W., Rehabilitation for Restaurant Use - Resubmission. The Secretary presented several drawings reflecting a design disapproved by the Commission in July. He recounted the Commission's action recommending a more straightforward scheme, though the original design was stated to be very good. A design incorporating the Commission's comments was also presented. The Secretary told of the Georgetown Board's examination and suggestion that over-review and literal response had killed the design excellence of the project. They suggested that the July design be recommended for additional design development, including more verticality in the lower right hand window and the newer design be abandoned. The Commission examined the drawings and sustained the Board's recommendation. The July design was unanimously approved, subject to submission and approval of working drawings, material samples, and detail development.

4. OG 77-188, 3231 Prospect Street, N.W., Residential/ Office/Retail Complex - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model demonstrating the design development of this project. During the review period the height of the project had been reduced two floors to a cornice height of approximately 40 feet and the design refined on the ground plane several times. The mixed use character of the residential/office/retail project with its pedestrian courts and arcades had remained similar through the process. A December 1976 preliminary approval of profile and model had resulted in design development and resubmission of complete drawings. The Assistant Secretary indicated that there were changes of a minor nature to the project in terms of refinement of details and the shapes of those areas between the bulk of the project and an alley to the east. The Georgetown Board had reviewed and recommended the developments. Though brick was being proposed for the walls, the paving, mortar, etc. were yet to be selected and a landscaping plan had not been completed. The applicant, Mr. Charles Greenwald, architect William Metcalf, and landscape architect Lester Collins described the project further. The Chairman thenked them and asked if there were other interested parties who would like to comment on the project.

Mr. Loren Kieve rose indicating that he was representing himself and several neighboring property owners to object to the size and design of the project. He reviewed the history of the Commission's actions, indicating that the Commission had attempted to have the project reduced in height even more than it had been. He indicated his concern for parking and tree survival and was thanked for his comments by the Chairman.

The Commission further discussed the project and its design development, unanimously approving it. Mr. Buchen indicated, for the record, that the Commission was basing its approval on a continuing process and previous preliminary and partial approvals of earlier designs.

5. Appendix 1, approved.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. SL 77-114, Calvert Street & Adams Mill Road, N.W., New Houses. The Secretary presented drawings and a model for the design of about 150 townhouse units proposed on vacant land along the edge of Rock Creek Park near the Zoo. The stacked units would be built below the allowable envelope and height permitted on the site. He pointed out that the low-profile residential development would be similar to the type of development on much of this portion of the park perimeter and would be far more compatible than an intense highrise development with the Commission's stated desire for protecting the edge of the park. Mr. Terry Eakin represented the developer, Wallace Holladay. The archi-

tect, Mr. Charles Soule, made a brief presentation of the design. The Commission unanimously approved the preliminary design subject to working drawings, landscape plans, and details.

2. SL 77-120, 4001-17 16th Street, N.W., New Houses - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings of the original and revised facades for these brick rowhouses. He indicated that the Commission's previous specific action had called for changes in the facades to simplify them and the number of different "models". The developer had complied with the Commission's suggestions. Mr. Joseph Bonnett, the developer, indicated that there was some confusion at first in his mind as to what the Commission had wanted, but that he had attempted to and would continue to comply with the Commission's suggestions. Professor Nichols suggested one triangular protruding pediment element be eliminated and Mr. Bonnett agreet. The Chairman asked about the blending of Tudor and Georgian elements on the row, but the members generally felt that the traditionally vernacular houses could be unanimously approved and so voted.

3. SL 77-117, 1776 G Street, N.W., New Office Building. The Secretary presented this 90-foot building adjacent to the partially completed Federal Home Loan Bank Board Building, indicating that the office had been designed to connect on the ground floor with pedestrian courts and commercial areas running from three sides of the blocks bounded by 17th, 18th, F, and G Streets, N.W. This commercial office building would replace the old YMCA Buildings. The architect, Robert Calhoun Smith, described the project further, indicating that the exterior material was to be precast concrete with a pink granite cast. The Commission examined the model and had some discussion with the architect, then approved the design unanimously.

4. SL 77-122, 2501 M Street, N.W., New Office Building. The Assistant Secretary presented photographs and drawings indicating that the project had the Commission's preliminary approval. The office building appeared to have a whitish precast exterior with some mirrored glass. Now working drawings were being submitted a considerable time later. He pointed out that the site height limit had been raised from 60 to 90 feet in the interim and that the Commission had directed nearby development to have reddish color to lower the contrast as seen from adjacent Rock Creek Park. The Chairman indicated that any further approval would be based on the 60-foot height and that any height increase of the same design was not possible. The developer, Mr. Savage, said that he was delighted to keep the building at 60 feet in height. He had sponsored several adjacent developments with red-to-earth-tone colors and would be happy to consider harmonizing materials. The Commission gave the project unanimous approval on this basis.

5. SL 77-98, 1885 F Street, N.W., New Office Building - Resubmission. The Secretary presented drawings depicting a new office

building designed to harmonize with the Ringgold-Carroll-Marshall House adjacent on 18th and F Streets, N.W. He indicated that the Commission had asked for additional study of the courtyard and wall details at the southeast corner of the project, and that the adjacent property owner, Mrs. R. L. Bacon, had requested a delay in final approval pending resolution of an agreement between her and the developer. The developer, represented by architect Louis Goetz, was asking for a foundation permit, indicating that the details asked for by the Commission would be forthcoming. He further indicated that an agreement had been worked out with Mrs. Bacon and that there would be no objection to the excavation permit on that account. Attorney for Mrs. Bacon, Mr. William Hannan, was present and indicated no objection to the Commission proceeding. The Commission examined available materials and unanimously approved the request for excavation.

6. Appendix 2, approved.

H. D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development

Historic Subdivisions

1. Historic Subdivision No. 59, Inland Steel Site, K Street and Potomac River. The Secretary told the members of a desire on the part of the applicant to consolidate four lots into one for record-keeping simplification. Mr. Arthur Cotton Moore was present to represent the applicant and he indicated that there were no pending plans by Inland Steel for immediate use of the land. The Secretary indicated that the Commission could take this opportunity to indicate its interest in seeing the land used for public park purposes, rather than commercial development. The members discussed this and indicated their unanimous approval of the subdivision request, but the Chairman would send a letter to the city recommending that this area be designated for long-range park use. EXHIBIT I

2. Appendix 3, approved.

I. Federal Reserve System

Federal Reserve Headquarters Building, Virginia Avenue & C Street, N.W., Relandscaping. The Secretary presented drawings and told of the Commission's familiarity with the site, having recently been there on the matter of enclosing the podium level of the Martin Building. Mr. John Denkler of the Reserve Board staff then introduced Governor Lilly who told of damage to the garden over the previous severe winter. He told of an effort to humanize and regularize the grounds, then introduced landscaping consultants James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehm. With drawings and slides van Sweden and Oehm told of their scheme for adding walks and new plant material including wild flowers and grasses. The members asked a number of questions regarding

tree sizes and then indicated their concern for the eastern area near the large Robert Owen fountain. Mr. Stone suggested additional perspective sketches showing the scale of proposed materials in relation to the building. The Commission eventually unanimously approved the preliminary design of the northern portion of the site, with a request for more information as to species and sizes, and a suggestion for redesign and simplification of the eastern portion.

EXHIBIT J

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Signed,

Charles H. Atherton

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

EXHIBITION A

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. MacRae:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on September 27, 1977, gave its strongest endorsement to the draft legislation which would amend the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations and borrowings from the United States Treasury to complete implementation of the development plan for Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House.

We feel that it is absolutely essential that the Corporation have this authority if it is to continue the redevelopment that is, for the first time, now showing genuine activity and interest the length of the Avenue. Only by completing the public commitment will the private efforts be sustained.

This bill will provide the needed authority to do it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. James B. MacRae
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

EXHIBITION B

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Meszoly:

We were glad to have the opportunity to see the latest lighting mockup for Pennsylvania Avenue on the evening of 26 September, 1977.

The quality of illumination was certainly better. The fixtures, however, still pose a problem. In sheer quantity alone, the units for the tree lighting may already have exceeded a reasonable number, so the design and relation of the individual standards to the trees becomes even more important. We certainly hope the tree lighting can be given further study, with perhaps a second look at other methods such as bracket-mounted lights on the other poles or lighting integral with the sidewalk.

Let us know when you have any new developments you would like us to view, and we will be happy to schedule an inspection at one of our regular meetings.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Peter T. Meszoly
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Pennsylvania Avenue Development
Corporation
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425 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

EXHIBITION C

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

8 November, 1977

Dear Secretary Schlesinger:

Both your Department's seal and that of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission were reviewed by the Commission of Fine Arts at its recent meetings.

When we were asked to look at the Department's seal on September 27, we understood it had already been officially adopted and that orders to place it on stationery and other uses had already been initiated. We regretted the circumstances, since we did not feel the design was satisfactory. In a broad sense, the heraldic character of the seal is out of step with the times, and the depictions of a variety of specific energy uses not only looks cluttered, but most likely will be ineffective at the small scale of the seal used on documents. We feel the same can be said of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seal which was reviewed at our meeting on October 25.

Even if both these designs are now considered "official", I would hope they will not be considered permanent. They do not reflect well on the government and its continuing efforts to achieve better design.

While we are a review agency and do not initiate designs, we will be happy to discuss ways in which we think a better seal can be achieved. There is a great deal of available talent, so the problem should not be all that difficult.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Hon. James R. Schlesinger
Secretary
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20006

EXHIBITION D

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Steele:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on September 28, 1977, approved application of a solar film to the windows of F.O.B. #6, on Maryland Avenue and 6th Street, S.W.

This proposal completes a project started some time ago, but only completed on the top two floors. Finishing the rest of the building so that all the windows will match will be most welcome.

As we have mentioned on previous occasions, there is a substantial question as to just how far one should go in the widespread application of solar film to the windows of existing buildings. There are clearly structures where the architecture does not lend itself to this kind of treatment, and there probably are many more buildings that are at least borderline cases. Accordingly, we request the opportunity to view each individual project as it arises. In the meantime it would probably be a good idea if GSA were to take a look at just how far this program should be pursued, not only here in Washington, but in other cities as well.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. James F. Steele, Jr.
Regional Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Region 3
Washington, D.C. 20407

JCB/CHA:nn

EXHIBITION E

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Yasko:

The Commission of Fine Arts was glad to assist GSA and the Society of Former Special Agents in developing a suitable sculpture for the courtyard of the new FBI Building.

We feel the design prepared by Mr. Frederick Schrady will be effective in the proposed location and look forward to seeing further development of the project.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Karel Yasko
General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
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Washington, D.C. 20405

EXHIBITION F

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Lutz:

The Commission of Fine Arts approved plans for the underground chiller plant on Connecticut Avenue next to the Zoo at its meeting on September 27, 1977.

It is our understanding that Metro will work closely with Zoo officials in developing a good landscaping treatment after the underground construction is completed. As we have noted before, the chiller plant adjoins one of the most heavily used approaches to the Zoo, and everything should be done to make it as attractive as possible. The introduction of evergreens and the planting of well-developed material will help a great deal in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Theodore Lutz
General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

EXHIBITION G

30 September, 1977

Dear Commander Goins:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the revised designs for the Defense Intelligence Agency at its meeting on September 27, 1977.

We would like to inspect the site at our next meeting on October 25. While the changes in height and massing of the design are moving in the right direction, we still have some questions and feel a visit to the area would be useful.

In the meantime, the Commission would like the architects to explore the availability of slightly darker shades of the anodized aluminum skin. If any material samples were actually available for display on the site at the time of our visit, so much the better, of course.

We will contact your office to work out the details for the site inspection.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Commander P. A. Goins
Department of the Navy
Chesapeake Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Washington, D.C. 20390

JCB/CHA:nn

EXHIBITION H

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Col. Starobin:

The Commission of Fine Arts approved preliminary designs for the additions and renovations to the John Eaton Elementary School at its meeting on September 27, 1977.

The Commission feels the architect has done a very creditable job in accommodating new space requirements and at the same time preserving the essential character of the old school. In addition, the school and the neighborhood are further enhanced by an increase in open space afforded by extending the play area over much of the newly added space.

It is an excellent approach, and one we hope can be applied in the event any more Washington schools are expanded.

There are a few details that we would like to follow up with further review. These include final selection of new brick for the areas at the remodeled Lowell Street entrance and walls on 33rd Place, the replacement windows for the old school building, the "light-play" sculpture in the playground, and the landscape plans. The windows are a particularly important item, since they affect substantially the scale and character of the entire project. We are confident the architect will give these remaining details careful study.

The Commission will be happy to look at further studies as they become available.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Col. Sam D. Starobin
Director, D.C. Department of
General Services
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Washington, D.C. 20001

EXHIBITION I

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed Historic Subdivision No. 59, Inland Steel site along the Georgetown Waterfront, flanking the Potomac River, during its September 27, 1977 meeting. Though the Commission has no specific objection to the redistribution of lot lines within this property, we would like to reemphasize our feeling that this particular portion of the Georgetown waterfront really should be parkland in the public ownership. It may not be in the public interest to encourage commercial development. Though we appreciate efforts on behalf of both Inland Steel and the Municipal Planning Office to insure public use easements along the edge of the water itself and along the edge of Rock Creek Park, we encourage the District Government to go one step further and designate this area for long-range park development.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Jr.
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Washington, D.C. 20004

EXHIBITION J

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON

30 September, 1977

Dear Mr. Denkler:

The Commission of Fine Arts appreciated the opportunity to look at the Federal Reserve Board's landscaping plans at their meeting on September 27, 1977.

Some of the proposed plant materials, especially the grasses, appear to be out of character with the formal open setting that we feel the architecture has to have. We therefore recommend going ahead only with the larger plant materials at the present time, and holding off on the questionable items until the Commission has had a chance to give the matter thorough study. We also have reservations about the proposed treatment around the fountain. Nothing should be done to obstruct the openness of the fountain, nor its simple geometric setting. Large clumps of flowers, grass, or shrubs would be very much out of keeping. Again we request that no major work be undertaken on this site until our study of the plans has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. John M. Denkler
Staff Director for Management
Federal Reserve System
Washington, D.C. 20551

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